

# **The Louisiana Diabetes Advisory Council Strategic Objectives 2002-2005**

## **Mission:**

Provide statewide leadership to prevent diabetes, continuously improve the lives of all Louisianans with diabetes, and reduce the burden of diabetes.

## **Goals:**

1. Assure diverse representation on the Diabetes Advisory Council that considers geographic, ethnic, age professional health care, consumers, and payors.
2. Promote public/private partnerships to help achieve the Council's mission.
3. Advocate, educate and advise government, academic centers, health care providers, voluntary agencies, and other community groups on diabetes issues.
4. Coordinate the activities of the DAC with the activities of OPH and support the efforts of the Louisiana Diabetes Control Program in the implementation of the statewide plan.
5. Encourage participation in an annual statewide diabetes conference.
6. Develop an organizational plan that includes bylaws for DAC.

## **Secondary Functions:**

- ♦ Obtain Louisiana governmental recognition of the DAC as an entity.
- ♦ Serve as a forum for the discussion and study of issues related to the public health approach for the delivery of health care services to persons with diabetes.
- ♦ Provide recommendations to the State Health Department and Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals regarding the public health aspects of the prevention and control of diabetes.

## **Strategic Objectives:**

The following are the strategic objectives and activities for the Years 2002-2005.

**Objective 1:** *Educate and advise government, academic centers, health care providers, voluntary organizations, people with diabetes, other appropriate organizations and the public on diabetes prevention and the needs of patients with diabetes and their families.*

### **Increase Awareness of Diabetes:**

- ♦ Request November be declared as Diabetes Awareness month by the Governor
- ♦ Support national health observances and provide guidance to the Diabetes Control Program on recognition strategies.
- ♦ Bring together national diabetes organizations for coordinated awareness of diabetes and diabetes months.
- ♦ Establish and participate in Diabetes Education Day at the Capitol.
- ♦ Participate in existing and complementary "Days at the Capitol."
- ♦ Submit a written report at the end of the fiscal year to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals advising them on emerging diabetes issues

and establish ad hoc committees for special issues within the Diabetes community.

- ♦ Provide quarterly meetings minutes to the Secretary on the progress of the Council.

Information Availability to Public:

- ♦ Develop a Diabetes Advisory Council website and other linkages.
- ♦ Recommend diabetes data sets for review and use in state-level planning and evaluation. Work with the Diabetes Control Program in developing targeted distribution lists for statistics, including the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

State-wide Education Coordination: Year 1

- ♦ Identify DAC members and interested others to serve as speakers for state-level and local presentations which promote comprehensive disease management.
- ♦ Promote the National Diabetes Education Program as community resources for replication.

State-wide Education Coordination: Year 2-3

- ♦ Organize DAC town hall meetings around the state.
- ♦ Invite community representatives to participate in sponsored events.
- ♦ Use public access TV/radio to promote diabetes awareness.
- ♦ Sponsor a summit for gathering statewide information on diabetes issues, including gestational diabetes.
- ♦ Utilize existing educational activities to further diabetes information, including the State Farm mentoring program.

**Objective 2:** Strengthen the funding of the Diabetes Control Program, and serve as advisory board to the program.

- ♦ Develop funding strategies to augment state resources for achieving DAC objectives.
- ♦ Support the Diabetes Control Program through letters of support and guidance as needed.

**Objective 3:** Assist and advise in developing, establishing, and maintaining a data base system for monitoring the epidemiology of diabetes in Louisiana (Quality Improvement). Year 3

Assist in establishing a data base system for monitoring the diabetes centers.

Generate accurate data regarding the direct and indirect costs of burden and care of diabetes in Louisiana:

- ♦ Develop a data retrieval system.
- ♦ Support the development of specialized registries.
- ♦ Offer free, approved educational materials for children through participation in a diabetes registry.

**Objective 4:** *Promote public and private partnership in the public school system (implementation strategy).*

- ♦ Seek out additional funds for implementing model program in schools to permit intervention on behalf of all children with diabetes in the school system.
- ♦ LSU cooperative extension (Expand on this).
- ♦ Work with school nurses and other personnel to develop guidelines for treating children with diabetes in the schools.

**Objective 5:** *Stimulate clinical, economical, and epidemiological research, create a clearinghouse, translate the research and make the results of that research*

- ♦ Develop strategies to better disseminate research protocols.
- ♦ Present updates on research at each Diabetes Advisory Council meeting.
- ♦ Establish an on-going bibliography.

**Objective 6:** *Increase awareness of the Diabetes Advisory Council and maintain diverse representation.*

- ♦ Promote events that increase awareness of the DAC.
- ♦ Disseminate information about DAC to all agencies interested in diabetes.
- ♦ Create a web page for the DAC.
- ♦ Promote the role of DAC in educating and advocating.
- ♦ Increase the number and visibility of DAC-sponsored events.